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ROBERT EDGRENR. Edgren's
COLUMNRitchie on Way West; Won't Do
Any Fighting Until the Fall.

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WILLIE RITCHIE didn't stay with us very long. The former lightweight champion doesn't believe in loafing. He has too many business interests to look after. He started for Chicago late yesterday afternoon. He'll remain there long enough to close a real estate deal, and then for San Francisco, where he expects to gather a few thousand dollars more, which has been accumulating since he left the Coast.

Ritchie will not do any fighting until the fall. "Then," says Ritchie, "I will be ready to meet all comers, provided, of course, that the inducements are satisfactory. I had a talk with Billy Gibson, and he told me to be ready early in October. He will try to arrange a return match for me with Leach Cross. But I will battle any of them, here in New York, in Milwaukee, or on the Coast. Harry Stone can have a fight, too. White, however, is the fellow I would like to get first. I want to show that I am his superior. You know I am not the champion now, but I guess I won't have any trouble getting back in the ring. If I meet the promoters of Milwaukee while in Chicago I'll close with them for a match with White. But they will have to offer the right figure."

Red Ames is a very happy young man today. For the first time in his life he has managed to get away with a tough one. Luck broke his way in the ninth and he not only killed the hoodoo but triumphed over his old teammates. And, believe us, he pitched a masterful game.

FROM time to time Ben Johnson has not dated when the Federal League will start. Ben Johnson has been a prophet. The Feds have gone merrily on getting the breaks in the latest court actions and signing up promising talent in the minors. But Ben's example has stimulated others to try their hands at predicting the day when the Independents will come to their feet. It's a great little game. Show how attendance has fallen off—arrange your own figures—give the \$100 a day expense the Fed owners are supposed to be under and then have the Federal League collapse to-day, or some day next week.

A decrease of sentiment for the new league out West has given the impression that the newcomers have reached the end of their rope. The St. Louis club was pointed out as an indication how things are going under the so-called outlaws. The St. Louis Feds started with a bang and got the crowds, but the Cardinals and Browns performed almost a miracle by getting up near the end of their league ropes and the fans left the Feds flat on their backs.

Joe Stifel, owner of the club, was quoted in the papers as saying that he might just as well let 'em in free and save the cost of gate tenders. But according to reports things have changed for the better with the St. Louis club and only the other day Joe Kirby, a star youngster in the Southern Association, was procured for the team and given \$1,000 just for signing. Over \$100,000 has been going right on signing good players for next year—and the amateur promoters telling us the league won't last out the season.

While the Federals have slipped back in the West their Brooklyn club, because the team has been playing winning ball, which really is all that is concerned about, has improved three to one over early season conditions. Recently they've been outdrawing the Dodgers. But this does not influence the folks who are naming the date when the Feds will pass away.

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EVER NOTICE A PAIR OF FIGHTERS TALKING?

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'When Is a Hit Not a Hit?'
Question Arises Because of
These Two Puzzling Plays

Chief Meyers Makes a Two-Bagger, But Is Called Out for Not Touching First, While on Ames's Sacrifice the Ball Strikes Rubber, Bounces Back and Hits His Bat a Second Time Before Rolling on Field for Meyers to Throw—Is Meyers Entitled to a Hit? Was That a Foul of Ames's?

By Bozeman Bulger.

EVEN though John Tortes Meyers, Chief of the Cheshullas (that may not be the way to spell it but it matters not) did tear off the reservation with a warpath heave and allow Leon Ames to at last win a game from the Giants, he was author and collaborator in two plays that will help many a conversation around the old stove this winter.

For instance, let's have a few arguments on this one:

When the Chief made a two-bagger in the fifth inning he was called out because he failed to touch first base. Is he credited with a hit or is he not?

The oldest scribe hereabouts says that no man can get a hit unless he reaches first base in safety, and the official book is inclined to agree with him. Now it is certain that the Chief didn't reach first because he didn't touch it. But, remember, he DID reach second.

Now then put this one in the old pipe and pull:

When Red Ames sacrificed in the ninth inning the ball hit the rubber and bounced back, hitting his bat a second time before it rolled in the field for Meyers to make the wild throw. Was that a foul ball or was it not? McGraw and his crew claimed that it was either a foul or interference. We fail to find anything in the book to show why a batter hasn't the right to hit a baseball as many times as he wants to as long as he is fair and he hasn't left the plate. It might be called unintentional interference but Umpire Johnson called it a fair ball and let Tommy Clarke score on the wild heave. Though we couldn't win the ball game there ought to be a lot of consolation in the unearthing of these two puzzles. A cold day in July is worth something after all.

Umpire Johnson will be extended all the courtesies of the grounds today, but it will be a long time before he becomes a serial lion with the Giants. Just to show that he had his hand in, the gentleman in ques-

tion sent McGraw, Donlin, Fletcher and Snodgrass out of their own ball park in less time than it takes to write it. And it was all because they called him a "bone" right out loud.

It seems that Donlin and Johnson were having a private scrap over the Ames sacrifice question, when McGraw, thinking it a public affair and that anybody could get in, promptly yelled across the field, "Hey, you bone, let those ball players alone." Out he went, and then Fletcher took up the cry. Out he went. But even then Snodgrass did not take the hint. The Californian added a word or two of comment here and there, and followed the procession quickly. It would be interesting—if unprintable—to know the conversation that ensued among those exiles in the clubhouse.

There was much activity in the clubhouse of the Giants before the game, but not over baseball. The slump in the stock market had those bloated bondholders hopping. Instead of getting frightened, though, they acted under Matty's advice and bought more of the standard stock when it reached the low water mark. Tough life those athletes lead!

The Reds are going to be in there musing things up again to-day, but this time Captain Demaree is likely to fool them. All is well up with his artistic work, he says, and is prepared to give the whole afternoon to sport.

Among the entertaining features of the opening pastime with the Reds was a wordy war between McGraw and Herzog. They called each other many pet names that Umpire Johnson threatened to eject them both. It was a lot of fun, though, while it lasted.

Walthour Picked
to Win Long Race

Bobby Walthour is the favorite in the Brooklyn Sweepstakes, the fifty-mile motor race for \$1,000 in prize money, at the Brighton Beach Motor track to-night. The postponement of the race from Wednesday night gave him a chance to improve his condition and his popularity at the track makes him the choice. The railbirds, however, believe that the race lies between George Wiley, American middle-distance champion, and Worth L. Mitten. Clarence "Arman" and Menus Bedell also have their followings and there is more interest in the contest than has been shown in any race this season.

Roy Hartzell Won't Be Able
To Play for Several Weeks

Yanks' Valuable Outfielder
Badly Sprains Ankle in an
Unmolested Steal of Second.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ROY HARTZELL, the clever left fielder of the Yankees, is lost to Frank Chance for several weeks to come. His absence from the New York lineup may keep the team from climbing in the race, but it will scarcely result in sending the Yankees into the cellar, as they are so far ahead of the Naps that there seems little likelihood that Birmingham's boys will ever get their heads above water.

Hartzell was injured in a most peculiar manner. In the ninth inning of the second game, with two down, Hartzell singled and essayed a theft of second. He was off with Collins' pitch. The ball caught O'Neill on the end of the middle finger of the right hand, splitting the nail. Steve never tried to make a play on Hartzell, but instead rolled the ball back toward the box. Roy, however, was not aware that O'Neill hadn't made the throw and second hit the ground as he neared the base. His spikes caught on the bag in such a manner that his right ankle was badly sprained.

Roy tried to get up but fell in a heap. Team mates carried him to the New York bench. It was feared that there was a fracture of the leg at first but the attending surgeon announced that it was a bad sprain, one that would keep him from the lineup for several weeks.

The Yankees are bemoaning the fact that they have not played the same article of ball against all teams that they have had on display against the Naps. This being the case they would be as high and dry in first place that even the Wonder Working Athletics would never catch them.

The Naps and Yankees have staged 12 decision games this season, and the New Yorkers have been returned the victors 10 times. That's 769 baseball.

The Yanks boasted their total of victories over Birmingham's tallenteds to ten when they won both sections of yesterday's double-header, their second double taste of victory in two days, the counts were 3 to 2 in ten innings and 8 to 6 in the regulation limit. King Cole and Cy Pieb were the winning twirlers.

This Roger Peckinpah person, captain of the Yanks, certainly likes to show off before the home folks. Peck has a habit of coming through with a three-base wallop with the bases populated with team mates every time the Yanks come to Cleveland. Incidentally, it's this triple of Peck's that sews up the victory for the Chancemen. On June 20 Roger uncorked a triple here with the bases full in the fifth inning. Later he scored himself. The Yanks scored six runs in that round, and won 7 to 1. Yesterday, in the second game, Capt. Peck came through with another

cleanup drive in the third inning, and the Yanks scored seven runs before being retired. They won, 8 to 6. So it can readily be seen that Peck's big stick is a handy club to have around. There is a chance that the Yankees may get Joe Jackson, the slugger-extraordinary of the Naps, and for several years Ty Cobb's leading rival for hitting honors. Birmingham intends to trade his entire gang, and will not hesitate to trade even the wonderful Rhoades Joe if he can get what he thinks is a fair equivalent. Chance and Birmingham are to talk things over to-day, when there may be something doing.

INJURED ANKLES ALSO
COMPEL TWO PLAYERS AT
EBBETS FIELD TO QUIT.

The Pirates had little difficulty defeating the Robins at Ebbets Field. The score was 7 to 2. The Pittsburgh sluggers batted Frank Allen and Johnny Ensmann hard and took advantage of Elmer Brown's wildness. Cooper was on the mound for the visitors and had the Robins at his mercy throughout. During the game O'Mara and Mensor turned their ankles and had to retire.

The Brooklyn shortstop came to grief in the second inning while throwing to the plate. Mensor received his injury while aiding to second base in the sixth. He had to be carried off the field.

The fielding of Viox, Wagner and Dalton featured the game.

Saratoga's Biggest Season
Gets Its Start To-Morrow

Best Racing of Year Promised,
Judging by Meeting's
Programme.

By Vincent Treanor.

NEW YORK CITY has seen the last of racing until Sept. 7, when a twelve-day fall meeting will be held at Belmont Park.

To-morrow marks the beginning at Saratoga, where for the entire month of August the classic sport of the entire year will be seen. All the best horses in training from all over the country are there, and indications point to one of the most successful seasons the Spa has ever known.

The advance guard of racegoers, hundreds of them, are already there, following the preparation of the candidates for the various stakes, and other hundreds are on their way. This afternoon the Cavanaugh special pulls out from Grand Central Station jammed to the doors. To-night's Hudson River boats to Albany and Troy are practically chartered by racegoers. All the staircases were engaged early, and to-day it is said there isn't another to be had.

Reports from the Spa say the hotels are preparing for big crowds. Most of the rooms at the United States and the Travers Hotel have been engaged for the entire month, and the price of cottages, following a big demand, have jumped accordingly. Cottages have been had been booked last season for \$200 a month are now bringing \$800.

A glance through the book programme for the meeting shows that thirty stakes will be contested. These include such historic features as the Flash, the Saratoga Handicap, the Travers, the Catalina, the Champion the Hopeful, the Saratoga Special, the Merchants and Citizens, the Huron, the Futurity and the Saratoga Cup. All promising thoroughbred struggles, the like of which hasn't been seen this year. Steeplechasing will be renewed for the first time since the close of Belmont Park's spring meeting. Among these fixtures through the field are the Shillalah Handicap for opening day, the North American, the Saratoga, the North and the Saratoga.

Bundy and Behr Will Be
Given Important Workout
With McLoughlin To-Day

Special Matches at Crescent
Courts With a View of Forming
Strongest Possible Pair
for International Doubles
Next Month.

BOTH Tom Bundy and Karl Behr will be given an important workout with Maurice McLoughlin on the Crescent Courts this afternoon with a view of forming the strongest possible pair for the doubles in the international matches against the challenging nation for the Davis Cup next month. First Bundy will be paired with McLoughlin against Pell and Behr. For the second match the teams will be reversed. The Cup Committee will endeavor to determine whether the aggressive playing of Behr, especially his work at the net, will be a greater asset to the defending team than the steady, resourceful playing of Bundy, who understands McLoughlin's game better than any one in the country.

Many would prefer to see Behr teamed with McLoughlin because of his sensational playing, but the officials will not make a special selection until trying both Bundy and Behr with the California Comet.

McLoughlin paired with Bundy, defeated Murray and Johnson in a practice match on the Crescent courts yesterday afternoon in two sets, 6-4, 6-4. Bundy was in better form than when he arrived in the East two weeks ago, but his work didn't impress the gallery as being of international standard.

JOHNSON CREATES SENSATION AT CRESCENT CLUB.

Playing on fourteen turf courts at the Crescent Club, the record held entered for the New York State Tennis championship managed to work through the first round, with about the usual results, the stars advancing while the lesser lights were forced out. The one big surprise was the sudden withdrawal of William M. Johnson of California, the present holder of the cup. Johnson came out on the court for his match with R. Lindley Murray in the second round. It was to be the feature match of the afternoon, and the big gallery expected to see the two star Californians put up a great battle.

Johnson was seen to talk to Murray and then walk to the clubhouse. It was soon announced that he had decided to withdraw. Johnson said afterward that he didn't intend to play through the tournament, and that he decided to default to Murray so that the younger might have a good chance to work his way to the finals. Johnson's withdrawal almost assures a final round between Murray and McLoughlin.

McLoughlin, who has two legs on the cup and needs but one to make the trophy his permanent property, decided to remain in the tournament, and just today won a hard-fought match, the intercollegiate champion, in the first round, easily winning at 6-1, 6-2.

Murray, after Johnson defaulted, advanced to the second round, and drew Richard Palmer, a star of past years. Murray had too much speed for his older opponent, and won in 6-1, 6-2.

Tom Bundy of the Davis Cup team, had light exercise with H. K. Sturdy Jr., allowing but one game in two sets.

Walton Washburn came to grief in the second round. After beating Fred Alexander 6-1 in the first set, the former national champion turned completely around and took the next two sets, 6-3, 6-2.

A large number of defaults upset calculations in the early rounds, while a chilly wind that blew across the courts from the bay made conditions uncomfortable for both contestants and gallery.

A lot of interest is manifested just in the color bearers of John Sanford. As in every year but last, for a long time back the Sanford horses have never been seen until Saratoga's opening. The stake book shows that the Amsterdam sportsman has liberally entered the two-year-old stakes. For the Flash, opening day, he has two eligibles, Quartz and Selion. The former is by Rockton and Oreska and the latter by Rockton-Auriville. For the Saratoga Handicap, he has Glimmer Glass by Chubasco and Cayduquo by Selion. He has also entered the Saratoga Special. They are Nephthys by Isidor and Malet; Salica and Quartz. Only one of these can start. Another named for the Grand Union Hotel stakes is Carlaverook, by Clifford and Sadakada. For the \$1,000 selling Kentucky Stakes for fillies Exeria has been named. Rupica is still another by Rockton and Burnt Hills scheduled to start in the \$2,500 Adirondack Handicap. Rupica is also in the Hopeful.

The opening day features are the Shillalah Handicap, the Flash, for two-year-olds and the Saratoga Handicap, for three-year-olds and up to a mile and a quarter. All the good ones of the handicap division are among the sixty-four eligibles to the latter event. The weight ranges from 126 on Rockdown, down to 80 on Ambrose. Buckhorn carries 125, Huskin 122, Ten Point 118, Flying Fairy 117, Luke McKee 115, Rosmer 114, Anaprising, 105 and Addie M. 98.

By VIC

GEORGE CHIP TO GET
CHANCE TO WIN BACK
MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE

Brooklyn Club to Match Him
With Al McCoy if He Beats
Petroskey To-night.

By John Pollock.

IF George Chip, the Pittsburgh middleweight, wins the decision over Sailor Petroskey, the California fighter, in their twenty-round battle in San Francisco to-night, he will get a chance to regain the middleweight title from Al McCoy of Brooklyn. Having come to the conclusion that another bout between McCoy and Chip would be a great attraction, Johnny Weissmuller, manager of the Broadway Sporting Club of Brooklyn, to-day secured them to meet in a ten-round bout at his club in three weeks. Danny Morgan signed the articles of agreement for McCoy, and they call for a guarantee of \$3,000.

George McDonald, who assisted Dick Burge in promoting the Carpenter-Gunbont Smith fight in London, in a letter to the writer says that the gross receipts amounted to \$72,500, over double the sum ever recorded for a fistie battle in Europe. McDonald also states that Carpenter received a guarantee of \$20,000, instead of \$15,000, and that Smith's end was \$10,000.

Two clubs hold boxing shows to-night. At the Brown A. C. of Far Rockaway, Battling Levinsky and Jack Driscoll of Brooklyn, heavyweights, will clash in the main bout of ten rounds. At the New Polo A. C. Battling Levinsky of Jersey City at the Rockaway Beach, Johnny Schumacher vs. Frankie Nutter and Buddy Ryan vs. Johnny Burt.

Frankie Burns, the clever Jersey City bantamweight, who is fighting better now than he has for two years, is booked for two more fights. His first will be with Mike Hickey of Jersey City at the Rockaway Beach A. C. on Aug. 11, and his second with Kid Murphy at the Broadway Sporting Club of Brooklyn on Aug. 18.

Eddie Smith, the Yorkville lightweight, has been matched to fight Willie Schaefer at the Fairmont A. C. to-morrow night and Eddie Fitzsimmons of Harlem at the Brown A. C. of Far Rockaway on Aug. 7. Both bouts will be for ten rounds.

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